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Patent No. : 5,915,538 Issue Date: June 29, 1999  
Applicants : GILLES BASSON et al.  
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Title : PROTECTIVE HELMET AND CHIN STRAP  
ATTACHMENT DEVICE THEREFOR  
Group Art Unit : 3741  
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**CHANGE IN ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c)**

Sir:

The owner of the above-identified application believes that it inadvertently maintained small entity status of United States Application No. 08/860,466 with an international filing date of December 29, 1995, now United States Patent No. 5,915,538. Small entity status was properly established at the time the application was filed. However, on April 30, 2002, the entity status changed. Small entity status was maintained in the application due to an error that occurred without deceptive intent. Therefore, the owner is herewith paying the deficiency for all fees paid from April 30, 2002 in the application to the present.

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The owner requests excuse of this error by payment of the deficiencies in fees during prosecution of the application and payment of any maintenance fees on the patent. The following is a calculation of the total deficiency owed, itemized by date paid, type of fee, and deficiency owed.

DATE	AMOUNT PAID	FEE TYPE	CURRENT DUE	DIFFERENCE
December 18, 2002	440.00	Maintenance Fee (4 <sup>th</sup> Year)	1,130.00	690.00
December 8, 2006	1,150.00	Maintenance Fee (8 <sup>th</sup> Year)	2,850.00	1700.00
November 18, 2010	2,055.00	Maintenance Fee (12 <sup>th</sup> Year)	4,730.00	2,675.00
			<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>5,065.00</b>

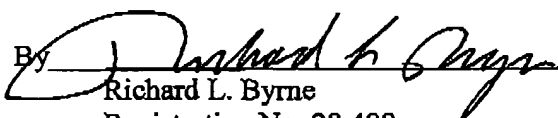
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In re Application of: Gilles Basson et al.

Application No. 08/860,466

Filed: December 29, 1995

Title: Protective Helmet and Chin Strap Attachment Device Therefor

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Art Unit: 3741

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